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## HOUSE RESOLUTION 200 By Kernell

A RESOLUTION to continue the special House Committee on Earthquake Preparedness authorized by House Resolution 178 of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, House Resolution 16 of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly, House Resolution 11 of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly and House Resolution 122 of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is an area at extremely high risk for experiencing an earthquake of major proportions; each citizen of our state would be placed at risk of death or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, a severe earthquake in our state would also cause considerable damage to private property and our roads and bridges, causing a major disruption in traffic and business; and

WHEREAS, experts contend that the extent of the damage caused by an earthquake is dependent on the amount of advance preparedness; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of this often hidden problem and the need to find effective ways to lesson the impact of earthquakes in Tennessee, House Resolution 122 of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly, authorizing the creation of a special house committee to study the topic of earthquake preparedness, was adopted; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 11 of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly, House Resolution 16 of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly and House Resolution 178 of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly continued this needed study; and

WHEREAS, the committee has held hearings, heard from experts and performed authoritative work and its mandate should be continued; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the special House committee to study Earthquake Preparedness is hereby continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the existing members of the committee shall continue to serve, and any vacancies shall be filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the special committee shall remain members of the committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the One-Hundredth General Assembly.

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